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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

United States of America,

Plaintiff,

vs.

1. Jesus Leobardo Garibaldi-Lopez,
(Counts 1-5)

and

2. Erso Luis Garibaldi-Lopez,
(Counts 1-5),

Defendants.

CR-16-00263-PHX-DJH

**FIRST SUPERSEDING
INDICTMENT**

VIO: 21 U.S.C. §§ 959 and 960
(Distribution of Marijuana, a
Controlled Substance, for
Unlawful Importation)
(Count 1)

21 U.S.C. §§ 952 and 960(b)(1)(G)
(Importation of Marijuana, a
Controlled Substance)
(Count 2)

21 U.S.C. § 846
(Conspiracy to Distribute Marijuana,
a Controlled Substance)
(Count 3)

21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and
841(b)(1)(A)(vii)
(Distribution of Marijuana, a
Controlled Substance)
(Count 4)

18 U.S.C. § 1956(h)
(Conspiracy to Launder Monetary
Instruments)
(Count 5)

18 U.S.C. § 2
(Aid and Abet)
(Counts 1, 2 and 4)

18 U.S.C. §§ 981 and 982
21 U.S.C. § 853 and
28 U.S.C. § 2461(c)
Forfeiture Allegation

1 THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

2 At all times material to this First Superseding Indictment, within the District of
3 Arizona and elsewhere:

4 **COUNT ONE**

5 **Distribution of Marijuana for Purposes of Unlawful Importation**

6 From a date in 2013, the exact date being unknown to the Grand Jury, and
7 continuing to on or about August 7, 2013, in the countries of the United States and the
8 Republic of Mexico, the defendants, JESUS LEOBARDO GARIBALDI-LOPEZ AND
9 ERSO LUIS GARIBALDI-LOPEZ, each aiding and abetting the other and other persons
10 known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly and intentionally distribute and
11 cause the distribution of 1,000 kilograms or more of a mixture or substance containing a
12 detectable amount of marijuana, a Schedule I Controlled Substance, intending and knowing
13 that such marijuana would be unlawfully imported from the Republic of Mexico into the
14 United States, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 959 and 960, and Title
15 18, United States Code, Section 2.

16 **COUNT TWO**

17 **Importation of Marijuana**

18 From a date in 2013, the exact date being unknown to the Grand Jury, and
19 continuing to on or about August 7, 2013, in the countries of the United States and the
20 Republic of Mexico, the defendants, JESUS LEOBARDO GARIBALDI-LOPEZ AND
21 ERSO LUIS GARIBALDI-LOPEZ, each aiding and abetting the other and other persons
22 known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly and intentionally import into the
23 United States from the Republic of Mexico, 1,000 kilograms or more of a mixture and
24 substance containing a detectable amount of marijuana, a Schedule I controlled substance,
25 in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952 and 960(b)(1)(G), and Title 18,
26 United States Code, Section 2.

1 **COUNT THREE**

2 **Conspiracy to Distribute and Cause the Distribution of Marijuana**

3 From a date in 2013, the exact date being unknown to the Grand Jury, and
4 continuing to on or about August 7, 2013, in the District of Arizona and elsewhere, the
5 defendants, JESUS LEOBARDO GARIBALDI-LOPEZ AND ERSO LUIS GARIBALDI-
6 LOPEZ, did knowingly and intentionally combine, conspire, confederate, and agree
7 together, and with other persons known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to commit
8 distribution of a substance containing 1,000 kilograms or more of a mixture and substance
9 containing a detectable amount of marijuana, a Schedule I Controlled Substance, in
10 violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A)(vii).

11 All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.

12 **COUNT FOUR**

13 **Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana**

14 From a date in 2013, the exact date being unknown to the Grand Jury, and
15 continuing to on or about August 7, 2013, in the District of Arizona and elsewhere, the
16 defendants, JESUS LEOBARDO GARIBALDI-LOPEZ AND ERSO LUIS GARIBALDI-
17 LOPEZ, each aiding and abetting the other and other persons known and unknown to the
18 Grand Jury, did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute, and did
19 distribute, 1,000 kilograms or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable
20 amount of marijuana, a Schedule I controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United
21 States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A)(vii), and Title 18, United States Code,
22 Section 2.

23 **COUNT FIVE**

24 **Money Laundering Conspiracy**

25 From a date in 2013, the exact date being unknown to the Grand Jury, and
26 continuing to on or about August 7, 2013, in the District of Arizona and elsewhere, the
27 defendants, JESUS LEOBARDO GARIBALDI-LOPEZ AND ERSO LUIS GARIBALDI-
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1 LOPEZ, did knowingly combine, conspire, confederate and agree together, to knowingly
2 conduct and attempt to conduct financial transactions affecting interstate and foreign
3 commerce, which in fact involved the proceeds of specified unlawful activity, that is,
4 conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute marijuana and import marijuana in violation
5 of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), 846, 952, 959, 960, and 963, with the
6 intent to promote the carrying on of said specified unlawful activity, knowing that the
7 transactions were designed in whole and in part to conceal and disguise the nature, location,
8 source, ownership and control of the proceeds of said specified unlawful activity, and to
9 avoid a transaction reporting requirement under state or federal law, and while knowing
10 that the property involved in the financial transactions represented the proceeds of some
11 form of unlawful activity, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section
12 1956(a)(1)(A)(i), 1956(a)(1)(B)(i), and 1956(a)(1)(B)(ii).

13 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(h).

14 **FORFEITURE ALLEGATION**

15 **Controlled Substances Act Violation**

16 The Grand Jury realleges and incorporates the allegations in Counts One through
17 Four of this First Superseding Indictment, which is incorporated by reference as though
18 fully set forth herein.

19 Upon conviction of the offenses in violation of Title 21, United States Code, set
20 forth in Counts One through Four, the defendants shall forfeit to the United States pursuant
21 to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853:

22 (1) any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained, directly or
23 indirectly, as the result of such violations;

24 (2) any property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or
25 to facilitate the commission of, such violations; and

26 (3) a money judgment representing unlawful proceeds in the amount of
27 \$6,500,000.00.
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1 If any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission
2 of the defendants,

- 3 (1) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
4 (2) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
5 (3) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
6 (4) has been substantially diminished in value; or
7 (5) has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without
8 difficulty,

9 it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section
10 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of said defendants up to the value of the
11 above forfeitable property.

12 **Money Laundering Violation**

13 The Grand Jury realleges and incorporates the allegation of Count Five of this First
14 Superseding Indictment, which is incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

15 Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 981 and 982, Title 21, United
16 States Code, Section 853 and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c) and upon
17 conviction of the offense alleged in Count Five of this First Superseding Indictment, the
18 defendants so convicted shall forfeit to the United States all right, title, and interest in any
19 and all property, real or personal, involved in such offenses, or any property traceable to
20 such property involved in each offense, or conspiracy to commit such offense, including
21 the following: (a) all money or other property that was the subject of each transaction,
22 transportation, transmission or transfer in violation of a statute listed in Title 18, United
23 States Code, Section 982, (b) all other property constituting proceeds obtained as a result
24 of those violations, and (c) all property used in any manner or part to commit or to facilitate
25 the commission of the violation including, but not limited to the sum of money representing
26 the amount of money involved in the offense(s).

1 If any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission
2 of the defendants:

- 3 (1) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence,
4 (2) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party,
5 (3) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court,
6 (4) has been substantially diminished in value, or
7 (5) has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without
8 difficulty,

9 it is the intent of the United States to seek forfeiture of any other property of said defendants
10 up to the value of the above-described forfeitable property, pursuant to Title 21 United
11 States Code, Section 853(p).

12 All in accordance with Title 18, United States Code, Sections 981 and 982, Title 21
13 United States Code, Section 853, Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c) and Rule
14 32.2, Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

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